



Fact Sheet:



California Organization of Methadone Providers

The California Organization of Methadone Providers (COMP) represents all methadone treatment providers within the State of California. COMP's Board of Directors is equally balanced with northern and southern California representatives.

COMP's members/providers are responsible for the treatment of approximately 30,000 opioid dependent persons each day. Services are provided by approximately 210 licensees at 146 separate locations, making California the single largest methadone treatment system in the United States.

COMP has existed in various forms for approximately 20 years, and has been instrumental in the passage of important legislation and promulgation of regulations. COMP is a source of education and support for its membership, as well as, other physical and mental health treatment providers. COMP is represented on the Board of Directors of the American Methadone Treatment Association (AMTA) and the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

COMP's members are responsible for the administration and provision of services to opioid dependent individuals, often suffering from infectious diseases including HIV, Hepatitis C, and Tuberculosis. Most methadone maintained patients evidence severe enough mental health problems to require treatment. COMP's responsibilities include much more than "drug replacement therapy." Methadone treatment providers are truly an extension of the public health

system, safeguarding the general populace from the spread of contagious diseases.

For more information on COMP please call (619) 283-7228, or fax inquiries to (619) 283-0613.